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FOR: GEORGE COWLINGS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, RP (COWLINGS, ARTHUR)
SUBJ: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZEN ABROAD

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER, ARTHUR COWLINGS. THE CITY HOSPITAL OF PAGADIAN., ZAMBOANGA, INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT CEBU CITY ON JULY 14, 1976 OF HIS DEATH FROM CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE ON JULY 12, 1976 IN PAGADIAN CITY, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, PHILIPPINES.

2. YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY A PERSONAL FRIEND.

3. THE CONSULATE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THIS DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR FATHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE WEST COAST COSTS DOLLARS 1300.00. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST DOLLARS 1000.00. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS DOLLARS 100.00. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL MUST BE ARRANGED WITH THE MORTUARY. ALL THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

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5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING

ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE, CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED. (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT CEBU CITY PAYABLE TO AMERICAN CONSULATE. (C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 7-95-10 IN CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMCONSUL
CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES
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